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February 8, 2016

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.  
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACCEPT AN ANTICIPATED GRANT AWARD**

This is to provide your Board with information regarding an anticipated award from the Association of Public Health Laboratories, in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, in the amount of \$89,801 to support Expanded Access to Interferon Gamma Release Assays for the period of February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016.

The anticipated award will provide support to expand the use of Interferon Gamma Release Assays (IGRA) testing to aid in the diagnosis of Mycobacterium tuberculosis (TB) infection in high-risk and underserved populations, including recent TB contacts, refugees, immigrants, homeless persons, and persons living with HIV. IGRA testing will expand into additional County facilities, including public hospitals, primary care clinics, and satellite clinics that serve the high risk population. These anticipated funds will enable the Department of Public Health to purchase laboratory reagents needed for IGRA testing, collection tubes, and other laboratory supplies needed to expand testing.

If funding is awarded, I will notify your Board that I am exercising the delegated authority approved on July 28, 2015 to accept grants and awards in an amount not to exceed \$500,000 per grant award, budget period, or annual term.

Attachment A is the Notification of Anticipated Grant Award Summary, which provides additional information about the grant award.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

CAH: nmg

c: Interim Chief Executive Officer  
Interim County Counsel  
Acting Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors





County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health  
Notification of Anticipated Grant Award Summary

ATTACHMENT A

OVERVIEW

Program Name:	Public Health Laboratories
Funding Agency Name:	The Association of Public Health Laboratories
Funding Source Type:	Foundational
Project Name:	Expanded Access to Interferon Gamma Release Assays
Funding Opportunity Number:	
Is this an amendment to a grant/award?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If "Yes," what type of amendment?	
Project Description:	
Acceptance of this award will support purchase of laboratory reagents needed for Interferon Gamma Release Assays (IGRA) testing. This test is performed by the Public Health Laboratories and is used to detect latent infection with tuberculosis. The benefit of this project is to provide reagents and consumables needed for blood collection and specimen testing. This will allow Department of Public Health (DPH) to expand tuberculosis screening in high-risk populations such as: refugees, immigrants, homeless persons, and persons living with HIV. DPH will expand IGRA testing to additional County facilities, including public hospitals, primary care clinics, and satellite clinics that serve patient populations at elevated risk for latent TB infection (LTBI) in homeless, uninsured, low-income, and/or foreign-born populations. Over the next two years, the LAC-PHL proposes to expand IGRA testing a minimum of 11 new sites including county facilities such as hospitals and outpatient clinics.	

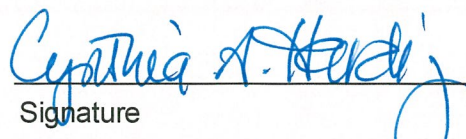
DATES

Grant/Award Acceptance Deadline:	January 30, 2016
Grant/Award Term:	February 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016
Grant/Award Start Date:	February 1, 2016
Grant/Award End Date:	June 30, 2016

BUDGET

Grant/Award Funding Amount:	\$89,801
Monetary Matching Requirements:	0
In-Kind Costs:	0
Total Funding for Grant/Award Project:	\$89,801

SIGNATURE

Cynthia A. Harding, M.P.H.		2/8/16
Interim Director	Signature	Date